Colorado Legislature Update

Four gun bills were introduced in the first days of the Colorado General Assembly. Two bad bills are:

(1) Senate Bill 07-034 which would prohibit concealed carry in Colorado with a permit issued by another state to a non-resident of that state. For example, if a person living in Kansas obtains a CCW from Florida, that permit would not be valid in Colorado. There are some states that issue permits to non-residents. This is a way for a person to get a permit when their state doesn’t issue them. They would not be valid in their home state, but could be valid in the issuing state and in any state that recognizes the issuing state’s permits. This bill was introduced by State Senator John Morse (you can bet that Ed Jones would never introduce such a bill).

(2) House Bill 07-1174 would allow sheriffs to add concealed carry permit holders to the statewide CCIC database. The CCIC database is used to store information on criminals. This was introduced by Representative Al White who is normally very pro-gun.

Two good bills are:

(1) Senate Bill 07-069 would prohibit a statewide database containing information on concealed carry permit holders (just the opposite from HB 07-1174). This bill was introduced by Senator Renfroe and is co-sponsored by Senator Dave Schultheis.

(2) House Bill 07-1011 strengthens the “Make My Day” law and adds vehicles and places of business where you can use deadly force. Introduced by Representative Cory Gardner and is sponsored in the Senate by Dave Schultheis.

You need to contact your legislators and ask them to oppose the bad bills and support the good bills. It is unlikely that the two good bills will make it out of committee, but we can hope (or work harder to get good pro-gun Republicans elected in 2008).

You can get the latest status of a bill and read the text of a bill on the PPFC website.
PPFC Political Action Committee Update

The PPFC Political Action Committee registered with the Colorado Springs City Clerk so we could participate in the April 3, 2007 Colorado Springs City Council Elections. The mayor and the four at-large councilmembers will be up for election. This will be a mail-only ballot election. All active electors (voted in the November 2006 general election) will receive a ballot in the mail in mid-March. Ballots must be returned by 7pm on April 3rd.

The PPFC PAC will take an initial endorsement vote at the February 8th meeting. Council candidates have until February 7th to turn in nomination petitions to get on the ballot. We know there will be at least one pro-gun candidate, PPFC past-president and current treasurer Bernie Herpin. The PPFC PAC is making up a survey that will be sent to candidates. With the short election season, the PAC Steering Committee wants to make sure we give our support to pro-gun candidates as soon as possible.

We received $500 from the estate of Jim McAdoo and $500 from Mrs. McAdoo (in addition to another $1,000 for general PPFC work) to help elect pro-gun candidates. We will put this money to good use.

PPFC Elections

The following were elected at our January meeting:

- Vice President: Bob Heinrich
- Secretary: Amy Mullaney
- Legislative Chair: Doug Davis
- Membership Chair: Dan Wandell
- PAC Chair: Paul Paradis
- PAC At-Large: John McFarland
- PAC At-Large: Jeff Crank
- PAC At-Large: Kyle Fisk
- PAC At-Large: Amy Lathen

Please send in your 2007 dues ($20 individual, $30 family). You can also pay at the February meeting. If you do not pay by February 28th, you will be dropped from membership. We have already seen more gun control from the Colorado General Assembly. We must remain strong to better speak up on our rights. We also need to maintain a strong pro-gun City Council. You are urged to get out and work for those city council candidates who support our right to keep and bear arms. After the PAC endorses candidates, please provide whatever support you can. You can help place yard signs, host a coffee in your home, send a check.